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Move Against Pakistan Will Bring Disaster

British Government Warned By Mr. Jinnah

MUSLIM INDIA WILL NEVER ACCEPT HINDU RAJ

"If any new declaration is made on the part of the British Government, departing from the declaration of August 8th, 1940 as to the future constitution of India, or any proposal or move, which in any way would militate against the Muslim demand for Pakistan, or prejudge it, or denounce it in any way, as seems to be the main effort of the Hindu leaders, it will not only create an unprecedented catastrophe but result in grave disaster at this critical juncture of the war and war efforts, apart from the fact that it will constitute a gross breach of faith with Muslim India," Said Qa'id-e-Azam Jinnah in an interview given to the Associated Press on January 2 last.

Continuing the Qa'id-e-Azam said: "Muslim India has made its position clear by the resolution of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee at Nagpur, on December 27, 1941.

"With regard to the immediate issue, *viz*, the prosecution of war and war efforts, the Muslim League has from the very beginning been ready and willing, without prejudice to the major political issues, to shoulder the burden of the defence of the country, singly or in cooperation with other parties on the basis that real share and responsibility is given to Muslim India in the authority of the Government at the Centre and the Provinces, within the framework of the present existing constitution. But so far no serious heed has been paid to this policy of the All-India Muslim League by the British Government.

Congress Tactics

"My attention has been drawn to the Congress resolution, passed recently at Bardoli, and it is very difficult for me to understand what those resolutions really mean, except, that as I understand, that they have not moved by a hair's breadth from the original demand for an immediate unconditional declaration of India's independence and freedom with the right of the people to frame their own constitution through a constituent assembly, to be elected by means of adult franchise on the basis of a united and democratic India. This clearly means setting up of the Hindu Raj, which Muslim India will never accept.

Muslim India is fighting and struggling for survival and for its right to self-determination, whereas Congress and other Hindu organisations are speeding to establish supremacy and domination over the Muslims as an All-India minority by establishing one central government over the whole of India, and thus to dominate and control even those zones where the Muslims are in a solid majority and interfere even in their internal affairs by virtue of the vital powers which must remain vested in the Central Government, such as Defence Communications Customs and Finance and various other executive and administrative powers."

League Resolution

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, which met recently at Nagpur, passed another resolution, in addition to those already published in these columns, regarding the arrest and prosecution of Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan in the following words:

The Working Committee considered the case of Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan, M.L.A. (Central), which is pending in the court against him and as the matter is *sub-judice* the Committee do not wish to express any view regarding the merits of the case. But as a matter of policy and on general grounds the Committee strongly urge upon the Government that, having regard to the recent action of the Government in releasing *Satyagraha* and other political prisoners and having regard to the internal political situation, the prosecution against Nawab Siddiq Ali Khan should be withdrawn and he be released.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

Mr. Noor Mohammad Ahmad, Honorary Secretary, Bombay Provincial Muslim League, writes to say that "Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim has withdrawn his own resignation and so also have four officers of the Bombay Muslim National Guards, including Lt Ashrafi" and that the whole matter is expected to be settled "satisfactorily".